

**MARTINSVILLE COMMON COUNCIL
MARTINSVILLE INDIANA
MORGAN COUNTY, INDIANA
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2016**

Mayor Shannon Kohl called the Martinsville Common Council to order on Monday, September 19, 2016. Councilman Ben Merida then led those in attendance in opening prayer followed by the Mayor's leading attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

THOSE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Shannon Kohl, Mayor
Terry Buster, District 1
Ben Merida, District 2
Mike Lanam, District 3
Chip Keller, District 4
Phil Deckard II, District 5
Eric Bowlen, Councilman-at-Large
David Trout, Councilman-at-Large
Dale Coffey, City Attorney
Matt Long, Chief of Police
Valerie Hugart, Clerk-Treasurer
Becky Tumey, 1st Deputy Clerk
Craig DeMott, DPW
Terry Anderson, Fire Chief
A quorum was declared present.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Eric Bowlen to pass on the reading of the minutes from September 6, 2016 meeting and to accept the Minutes as written. Councilman Ben Merida seconded the motion. The Motion passes 6-0. Abstaining due to absence were Councilmen Bowlen and Buster.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kohl introduced David Reddick with the Bicentennial Torch Relay. Reddick said the torch will be in Martinsville around 3:00 p.m. Friday, September 23, 2016. There will be short program at the Veteran's Memorial Stage. The event will be broadcast live on WCBK, 102.3 FM.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

None

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of Water Tap Fees – Councilman David Trout distributed a spreadsheet that showed how Martinsville's tap fees compare to area communities. Trout and the Council were all surprised by his findings. Councilman Trout will gather additional information before he makes a recommendation to the Common Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of 2017 Budget – Mayor Kohl recapped the budget workshop that was held recently. During the all-day workshop, the budget was looked at line by line. Kohl went to report that the 2017 Budget, will be a balanced budget with cash reserves increasing. The increases are projected over the next three years. Councilman Chip Keller asked about the health insurance rate increases. Mayor Kohl said those figures will not be available until the end of the year. A 2% increase has been built into the budget. Mayor Kohl says our contract with our current carrier allows for up to a 12.5% increase. Councilman Eric Bowlen requested projected figures with the 12.5% increase from the Clerk-Treasurer's office. Bowlen also asked for another workshop prior to the Public Hearing for the Budget on October 3, 2016. Interested Councilmen are to contact Bowlen by Wednesday if they are interested in having the workshop.

CLAIMS

A motion to accept the claims as reported was made by Councilman Eric Bowlen. Councilman David Trout seconded the motion. The Motion passes 6-0. Councilman Chip Keller abstained on claims from Keller Office Supply.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Acting Clerk-Treasurer Becky Tumey reported all City employees have viewed the required video from State Board of Accounts. She also thanked Councilman Ben Merida for his help with the project.

AJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Councilman Eric Bowlen made the motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Councilman Mike Lanam. The Motion passes 6-0.

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ATTEST:

Rebecca J Tumey, Acting Clerk-Treasurer